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Bus Drivers

LET us begin with a compliment to the bus drivers of the Colony. Their task must be the hardest there is among drivers of transport anywhere. The narrow streets cut out of sheer rock; the overcrowded lanes they have to negotiate; the jaywalkers who bring their rural economy to the city streets, all make for nerve racking hours at the wheel. In the main then, we agree that under the circumstances, our bus men do a fine job. Yet we feel all is not well. With every clique, there is a grain of truth, and it is demonstrably true that "familiarity breeds contempt." Bus driving is like every other job. Doing the same thing, day in day out, sets up a kind of routine. We perform our tasks, almost unaware at times, of what we are doing.

But driving a bus along a crowded street is a task that begins anew every day. The bus driver dare not become familiar in the sense of what happened yesterday will happen today. He is not omniscient. The pattern of the road is ever changing. He should always be alert.

OUR criticism is that familiarity with the bus has made too many of our local bus drivers overconfident. They negotiate our narrow streets at speeds which are at times positively dangerous. They rely upon their brakes, and their reflexes to get them out of tight spots.

But all they need is a greasy patch, a failure to anticipate a new hazard, and there is an accident. And where there is an accident, there is often tragedy. We feel more could be accomplished by educating our bus drivers, than by worrying them with tighter legislation.

The bus driver is a valuable public servant. We feel if the companies concerned with road transport could give a course not only on driving, but on citizenship and public duty, much could be accomplished. There is much to be said too for more rest periods and refreshment during the day. A combination of the two may make a difference.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS INVOLVED IN HORRIBLE TRAGEDY **98 KILLED IN STORE FIRE**

Dead Include 83 Women And Eight Children

Bogota, Dec. 16. An official announcement said tonight that 98 persons had been killed in the fire of the Almacen Vida department store. The dead include 83 women, eight children and seven men, the announcement said.

The exact cause of the fire was not immediately determined although some persons who escaped from the store, jumping from a window to the roof of an adjoining building, said they had heard it had been caused by a short circuit or an explosion in the stove of the store's restaurant. It was not known whether it was a gas or a gasoline stove.

West's First Operational ICBM 'A Success'

Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., Dec. 16. The U.S. today successfully launched a 10,000-mile-an-hour Thor missile—the West's first operational long range ballistic missile—in the tense debut of this new air base.

The Thor lifted in a tremendous roar as it climbed from the launching pad 3½ hours behind schedule.

The Strategic Air Command (SAC) announced that the launching—first of a ballistic missile from the West Coast—was "successfully conducted."

Maj.-Gen. Bernard A. Shroyer, Commander of the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division, said in New York that the flight was the "payoff of three years of research, development and testing to achieve operational capability of the Thor," U.P.I.

Brandt Returning

Paris, Dec. 16. Herr Willy Brandt, Mayor of West Berlin, left here by air today to return to his crisis city.—Reuter.

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MAO TO RESIGN IN MARCH

Tokyo, Dec. 16. Mao Tse-tung will resign as Chairman of the Chinese Government in March, a high diplomatic source told the United Press International today in a telephone call from Peking.

But Mao who is 85 years old will continue as leader of the Chinese Communist Party and thus will be the real power on the Chinese mainland.

Too Much

The diplomatic source with whom the United Press International talked discounted speculation that Mao was being forced out of his largely figurehead job as chief of state. The move, he said, is purely voluntary "so far as I can learn."

"Mao," he said, "just found that he has too much on his hands."

From Belgrade, it is reported Mao's withdrawal from chairmanship of the Chinese Republic follows clear evidence of disagreement between Russia and China over the Chinese People's communes and the general trend of Chinese foreign policy, according to Belgrade sources.

Friction

But they said it was too early to say Mao had been ousted by Russian influence, though there was evidence Sino-Soviet friction would continue.

The source found it difficult to believe that Mao voluntarily gave up the highest state position, but admitted it was possible he might wish to devote himself to doctrinal writing.

This would be in line with a reported Chinese aim to rival Russia in the formulation of Communist ideology, they said. —U.P.I. and Reuter.

Family Of Six Asphyxiated

Monticello, Ark., Dec. 16. A family of six was found today in their closed-up house, the victims of carbon monoxide asphyxiation which firemen blamed on an unvented gas heater.

The coroner said the family, Mr and Mrs James E. Steele Jr., their three sons, Ted (9), Timmy (7), and Mike (2), and daughter, Debby (4), were found about noon today by a neighbor who smelled gas fumes and called firemen.

The coroner said it was believed the family died as they prepared for bed late Saturday night. Friends said the family left their home about 11 p.m. and that the Steeles had left the house because of the near-zero weather.

Shelia (20) was found collapsed in the bathroom. His wife, Betty (29) had fallen in a bedroom. Two boys were huddled on a bed with their dog. Two other children were lying between two beds. —U.P.I.

Carol Curry (17), the hostess and daughter of a former town police chief, died last night. An autopsy today revealed the deadly effects of drinking automobile anti-freeze.

The three boys were reported out of danger, although it was feared for a time that one would go blind.

Carol's distraught father, Duell

Sore Throats In Hongkong Not Asian Flu

by ANDREW SLOAN
China Mail Reporter

Asian flu is on the rampage in Asia again, but the sore dry throats so many are complaining of in Hongkong has nothing to do with it.

LONDON HUNT FOR SLAYER OF THE 'GENTLE POLICEMAN'

London, Dec. 16. Hundreds of police and detectives searched East London today for the killer of 23-year-old policeman Raymond Summers stabbed to death on his beat on Sunday night while trying to break up a teenage fight.

Summers, six foot five inches tall and shortly to be married, was known as the "gentle policeman."

Police in an all-out hunt to find his murderer have already made thousands of inquiries and visited hundreds of houses, amusement centres, cafes and lodging houses in the area.

Two girls for whom Scotland Yard issued an appeal after they had been reported dressed in dance frocks kneeling beside the dying constable on the pavement last night to tell their story. Their names are being withheld. —China Mail Special.

SUPER-SUPER H-BOMB

New York, Dec. 16. The weekly U.S. magazine Newsweek said today that engineers at the Germantown, Maryland, atomic centre had conceived, on paper, a super-super H-bomb with a power of 1,000 million tons of T.N.T. or 1,000 megatons.

The report said the information on the bomb came from directors of the Atomic Energy Commission, who indicated that the new bomb was called "Bawotan."

The most powerful bomb ever tested thus far had a power of 15 megatons. —France-Press.

Russian Warning

London, Dec. 16. Russia today warned Turkey, a strategic bastion of the Western defences, that it could be headed for trouble if it signs a proposed U.S.-Turkish military agreement. —U.P.I.

They Drank Anti-Freeze Like Wine: Girl Dies

West Newbury, Mass.,

Dec. 16. FEAR of being called "chicken" (coward) caused anti-freeze to flow like wine at a teenage party, killing one girl and putting three boys in hospital, police revealed today.

Carol's distraught father, Duell

Curry, said his daughter had invited about 10 friends to the house on Saturday night but about two dozen teenagers "crashed" the party and located a liquor bottle filled with the deadly anti-freeze in the cellar.

Curry said the teenagers dared each other to drink. Those who did not frontally carried the juvenile, scornful label of "chicken," he said.

It was no drunken brawl, nothing of the sort. But it turned into a crash affair, Curry said.

Curry himself does not drink. He said he kept the anti-freeze in the cellar, adding that prowling party crashers apparently sought liquor and found the bottle. They thought the green liquid was wine or Creme De Menthe. —U.P.I.

Body Of HK Man Found In Harbour

The body of a man, found drifting off Lai-chikok beach yesterday with hands and legs tied, was identified this morning as Mr A. M. Kadir, a staff member of the Union Insurance Society of Hongkong.

Mr Kadir, who was 36, was a well-known member of the Malayan community. Educated in Hongkong, at St Joseph's College, he had been with the Union Insurance Society for 18 years.

He is survived by his wife, three children, his father, three sisters and two brothers, one of whom is Mr Slaves Kadir, Hongkong's interport hockey goalkeeper.

Mr Kadir was a keen lawn bowler, and had represented the Indian Recreation Club at this sport.

Eden In NY

New York, Dec. 16. Sir Anthony Eden, former British Prime Minister, arrived here by Comet airliner today en route to Mexico for a holiday ordered by his doctors. —Reuter.

G.I. Leaving China For Home In U.S.

Peking, Dec. 17. Private Richard G. Corden, one of 21 American soldiers who elected to remain in China after the Korean armistice, is on his way back to the United States, usually well-informed sources said last night.

Corden left Peking by train on Sunday for Canton and Hongkong on the first leg of his homeward trip, the (Cont'd. on Back Page, Col. 5)

sources said. (He is expected to cross the border into Hongkong on Friday).

A year ago Corden was reported studying Chinese literature and politics at a University in Wuhan in central China with two other former American soldiers, whose names were given at the time as Harold Webb and Clarence Adams. —Reuter.

Det. Sub-Inspector A. Crook said there was an iron-barred door between the third and fourth floor, but they got in after shooting the principal tenant the wrist.

Leung overheard the noise and immediately ran up the stairs to the rooftop. But he was stopped by two detectives running down

the stairs. —Reuter.

Hustler Crashes

Tucumcari, New Mexico, Dec. 16.

A supersonic four-engined B-58—newest of the United States nuclear jet bombers—crashed near here today on a test flight.

The three members of the crew parachuted to safety.

This is the first time that one of the huge delta-winged bombers—known as the "Hustler"—and which can travel at more than twice the speed of sound—is crashed. —Reuter.

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TORIES REFUSE SUEZ INQUIRY

Labour Calls Eden An Honourable Man Who Should Have Known More

London, Dec. 16. The British Government, after a noisy scene in the House of Commons, tonight refused to appoint a committee to inquire into the 1956 Suez operation.

The Labour Opposition had suggested that a committee composed of members of all parties look into the Suez operation and the events that led up to it.

Labour members were angry that Mr Aneurin Bevan, Labour's chief spokesman on foreign affairs, was not called by the Deputy Speaker to speak before the government replied to the debate.

Mr George Wigg (Labour) who raised the matter said the fact that Sir Anthony Eden, Prime Minister at the time, could say as his last word to the House that he could do all again meant that an inquiry was a national requirement.

Whatever one might think about the operations and the necessity for strong action there was lack of plan, ships and aircraft.

Mr Wigg said he had never believed in the "further round" version of collusion between Britain, France and Israel, as printed in some newspapers.

He went on: "I believe that the truth about Sir Anthony Eden is that he was not a man of honourable motives."

Villains

"I believe what Mr Randolph Churchill wrote about him [in a national newspaper recently] was that he did not know all that was going on."



Sir Anthony Eden

that the Anglo-French operation was slow.

"But I have not yet heard one single suggestion how it could be done quicker, except as an all-airborne operation to seize the canal," he said.

That course had been unanimously rejected.

It would have been a bold man who would have ordered an airborne operation against all military advice and probably with the resignations of those military advisers who had been overridden."

He personally thought it would have been a risky and unwise measure which would have risked a large number of lives.

Risk To Troops

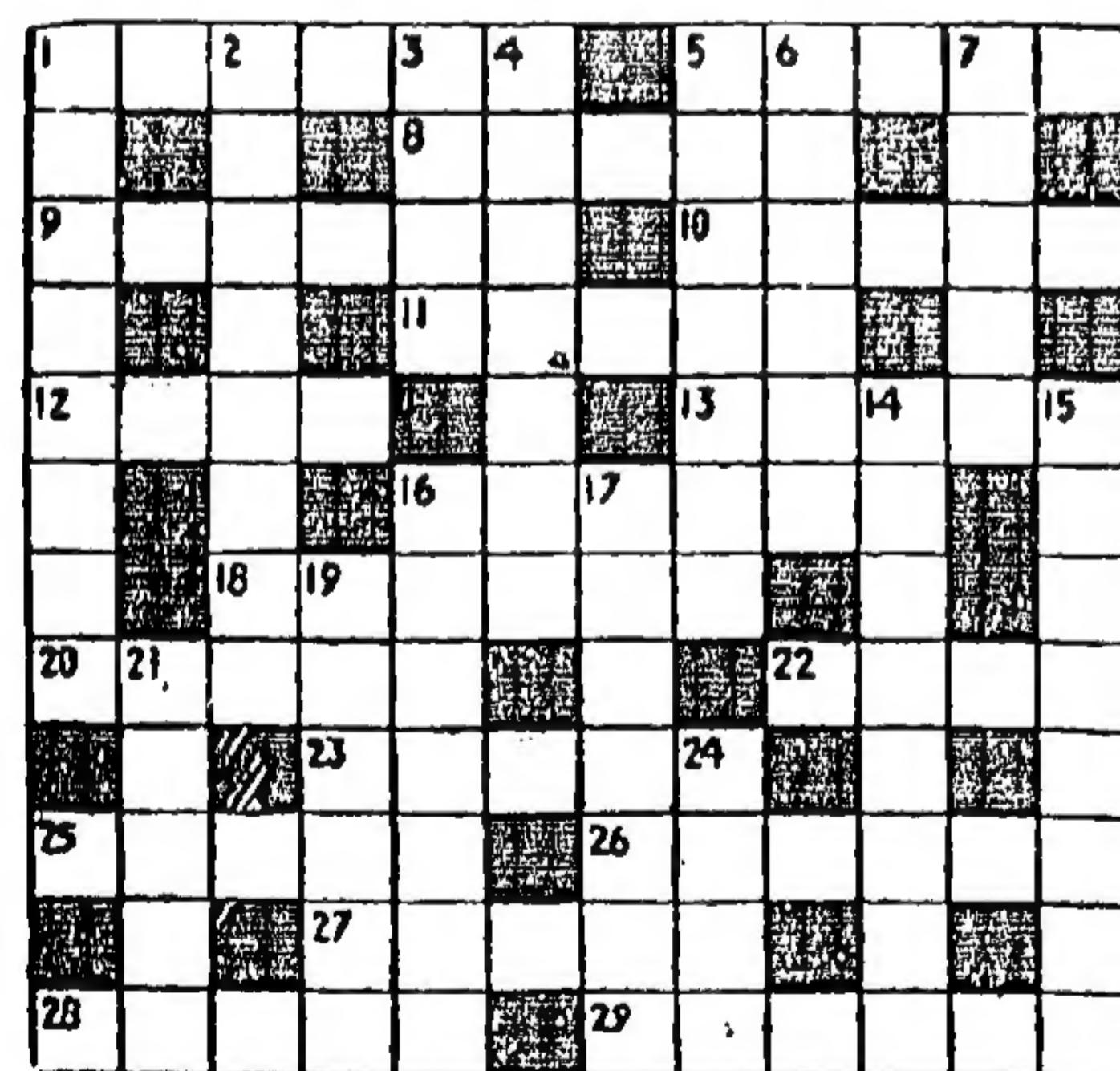
Perhaps the charge against him is that he did not know and ought to have known."

Mr Wigg said he believed the "villains of the piece" were the French and Mr Ben-Gurion of Israel.

Sir Anthony Eden had caught himself in a chain of circumstances from which he could not withdraw.

Mr Anthony Head, Secretary for War at the time of the Suez operation, spoke of "catharsis."

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Beat soundly (6).
- Famous Norwegian dramatist (5).
- Jollification (5).
- Muscle attachment (6).
- The bird for uplift? (5).
- Follow (6).
- Male deer (4).
- Fundamental (5).
- What to expect when the doors at the sales open! (6).
- Peribolite enumeration (6).
- They're wanting, so to speak (6).
- Principal character (4).
- Talents, maybe (6).
- One could make it sad and sober (6).
- Bless 'em! (6).
- Comparatively fresh (6).
- Lashes (5).
- Sprint (6).

TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Rald, 7 Moron, 9 Eros, 9 Bale, 10 Cachet, 12 Drat, 16 I-rate, 18 Knot, 19 Brind, 21 Align, 22 Abed, 23 Safes, 20 Tyke, 20 Radiant, 30 Lcer, 31 B-rim, 32 Nurse, 33 Scrof. Down: 1 No-mad, 2 Nothing, 4 A-part, 5 Deed (rev.), 6 Iota, 8 Beat, 11 Irons, 13 Round, 14 Gods, 16 Eb-bed, 17 Onst (out), 18 Kc-in-k, 20 Residue, 22 Afar, 24 Arena, 25 Gnash, 27 Yarn, 28 El-Ms.

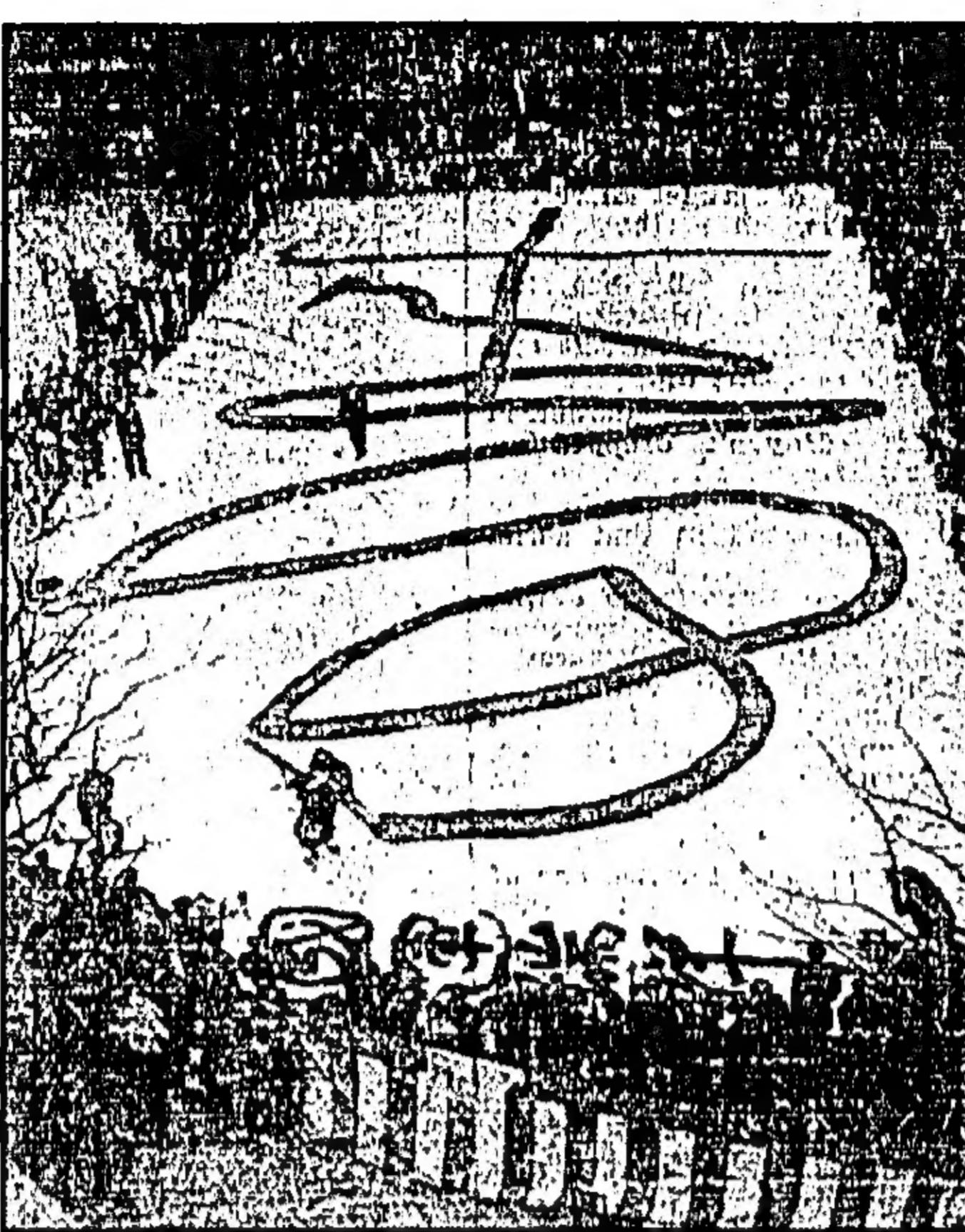
Indonesian Paper Closed

Djakarta, Dec. 16. The Djakarta Military Command today announced that the English-language daily newspaper, the Times of Indonesia, had been banned from publishing for an indefinite period, Antara News Agency reported.

The Army announcement said the paper had been banned because it had carried a report "that can be regarded as harming Indonesia's good name."

The announcement "did not state what the report was but Antara added "It was worthy of note" that on December 11 the paper had published a strong editorial attack on President Nasser of the United Arab Republic.—Reuter.

Mammoth Gift



Master calligrapher Tendo Obayashi of Tokyo, using a mop sized writing brush, writes the Chinese character "Kotoinku" (felicitations) on a 17,820 square foot sheet of paper, before a big crowd at the grounds of Tokiwa-matsu Elementary School.

He plans to present the huge calligraphy to Crown Prince Akihito to congratulate him on his engagement. Obayashi is the world record holder in both "mammoth writing" and "micro writing." He can write 3,000 Chinese characters on a grain of rice.

U.S. TO FLY INTO SPACE AND RETURN

Cranwell, Dec. 16. Air Marshal Sir Richard Atcherley said here today that next spring United States test pilots will attempt to take a plane out into space, circle the Earth and then bring it back to their base.

The Air Marshal, one of Britain's most distinguished airmen and present Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Flying Training Command, was addressing cadets passing out at the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell.

He said "Next spring the first of a team of American test pilots will take off in their latest research aircraft and attempt in their programme to break out into space again in energy climb and — after circling the globe in orbit — re-enter the atmosphere and land back at their base."

ICBM Out-Dated

He told the cadets that he thought the American plan would make the ballistic missile as a so-called ultimate weapon "an ultimate and as dated as all its predecessors."

"There is no ultimate weapon and no barrier to man's achievement in the air," he added.—Reuter.



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GUARDS ON TRIAL TELL OF DEATHS

10,800 Russians Shot To Music In German Camps

Bonn, Dec. 16.

Two former concentration camp guards told a court here today how 10,800 Russian prisoners of war were shot in the neck at Sachsenhausen concentration camp during the war to the strains of march music.

Gustav Sorge and Wilhelm Schubert are charged with being responsible for the murder of more than 11,000 concentration camp inmates and Russian prisoners of war in Sachsenhausen and Esterwegen concentration camps.

In statements Sorge and Schubert said the prisoners were brought to the camp in transports and not registered.

They were taken to a long building with six rooms.

In the first two rooms they were told to undress for "medical examination" and were watched by S.S. men dressed in white doctors coats.

Soundproofed

In the third room the prisoners were told to stand against the wall where there was a measure for taking heights.

While they were being measured S.S. men concealed in another small room shot them in the back of the neck through slits in the wall.

Sorge and Schubert said that records of march music were played loudly to prevent other Russian prisoners in the undressing rooms hearing shots. The execution room was soundproofed.

After the shooting German camp prisoners carried the bodies out to a further room and the door was washed down with a hose to remove blood.

In the next room the bodies were examined for gold teeth and cremated.

About 300 prisoners were shot a day more than the cremation

More Jets For Korea

Washington, Dec. 16. The United States is giving Korea an additional wing of Jet fighter planes to bolster defenses against the buildup of Communist air power north of the Korean truce line. It was announced today.

A Defense Department spokesman, in making the statement in response to a Press inquiry, refused to identify the type of planes or to say how soon delivery would be completed.

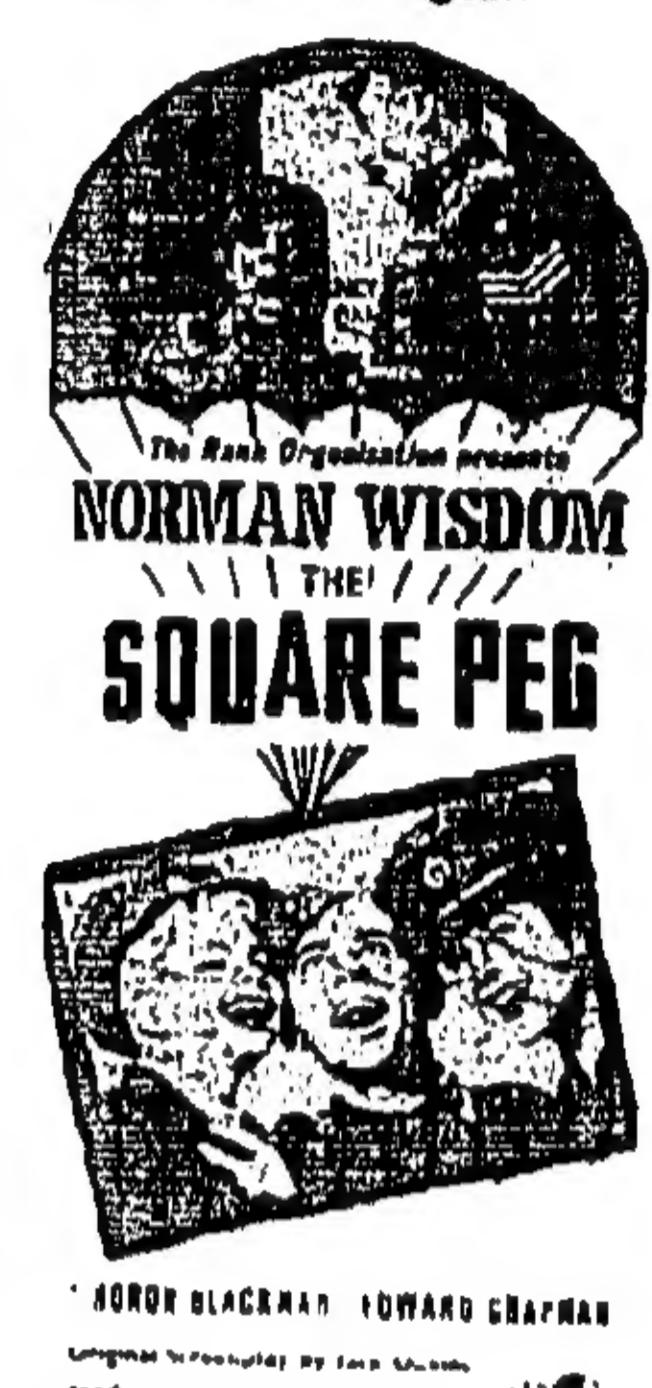
Other officials said the long-promised build-up of the South Korean air force and the firing of U.S. forces in Korea with Matador missiles was part of an arrangement under which Korea will reduce its ground force strength.—U.P.I.

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I reach the dizzy heights

... WHEN I JOIN MR. COOK IN LONDON'S HIGHEST CRANE

LIKE any other right-minded, work-shy citizen I take advantage of the free entertainment open to all on road works and building sites.

A good demolition job (especially a great swinging boulder called the "headache pill") has more drama and tension than an X film and gets rid of those nasty destructive urges.

Splendid!

But for a pure-minded sense of progress and achievement you have to watch a building being constructed. Climbing up inch by inch.

"Yes, I watched that one go up in '57," you say, implying it could not have got up without you.

Having something of the prehistoric, future-moulding attitude of a gallery first-nighter, it was natural I should try to get up one of those gorgeous cranes that stand about making sights and passes over London, sooner or later.

And I had to be the biggest. A splendid, gaunt, elegant object as logical and commanding as a stocking-rum. One hundred and fifty-six feet six and three

inches of it, worth £13,000, standing bolt upright, blessing over Mary-lebone.

The owners (McAlpine) promptly detected the needlessly manic impetuosity required to climb in their crane but they are resigned to being the biggest thing in madcap show business. And my request for audience participation was the foreseeable next step.

A welcome

Since the recent weather has provided little choice it was a foggy morning when we started the climb. It was still a foggy morning when we got to the top, but once there the sort of warm welcome that should be the reward of all ascent was waiting. Into the tiny green-painted cabin we piled, just keeping our elbows out of the electric fire and jam pots, and I met Jack Cook.

Mr Cook is one of the elite of the building world; he is a *monotone* driver, which is 30% above being an ordinary crane driver. And you get an entirely new view of the building trade when you realise it was bred to it. And so were his nine brothers.

You could tell which particular job my father was on from where each of us was born. It was Devonport Dock for my oldest brother, Bristol Dock for me, Portsmouth or Woolwich Docks for the others."

He waves through the fog that surrounds his cabin in the sky. "I've a brother on that job across there."

For a while the crane has been still, the cabin nodding slowly like a flowerbed.

Now Mr. Cook's sharp eyes had caught a signal from his hardly-visible "bunkman"—the controller on the ground. A crane driver and his bunkman communicate in a tin-tin language of their own.

"I'll just slew round, he wants some of those bundles of tin."

With a sensation as though a chain had been threaded through one from top to toe and was now being steadily haulled on, the crane started manoeuvring about.

In a burst of activity the bunkman induced the crane to pick up this, drop that, slew round and slew back again. It was precise, elegant work that reminded one of sculptors and surgery.

"You know, the way I work really governs the speed of the

entire job. This is a quiet morning, but most days I'm working all the time," he said.

His record

But more important than the speed of a crane driver, I learned, is that the other workers should trust him. "Otherwise, with all that stuff swinging over their heads all the time, they'd never feel safe and always be looking up."

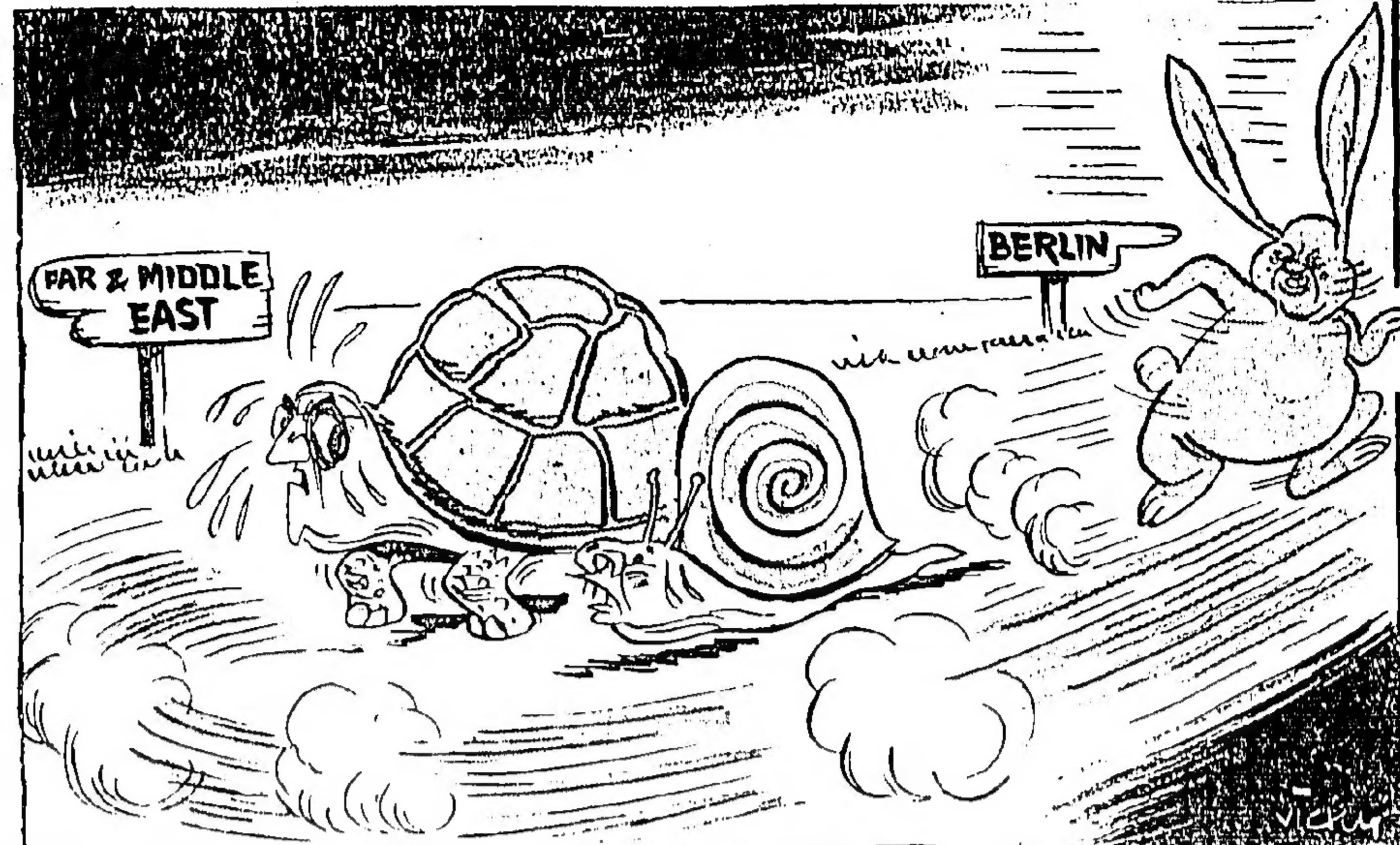
Mr. Cook has a guaranteed record. "I haven't dropped or misjudged a load yet, touch wood," he said hard put to it to find some wood in that aerial gadget that is his place of work. It seemed time to go down. On the way up the fog had completely muffled the distance.

"Takes a lady with good nerves to come up with," said Mr. Cook as we said goodbye, which ushered me to the point of stepping right off into space. I was just caught in time.

But next time I watch one of these enormous gaunt cranes whirling majestically about I shall not think how superior and detached they look. I shall think of Mr. Cook.

★ Didn't somebody forget something? Posters advertising the panto *Sleeping Beauty* list six star names. All men!

(London Express Service).



"THERE, WE'VE OVERTAKEN HIM, SELWYN!"

London Express Service

Girls Beg For Jobs In Strip Dens

PROWLING in the grimy depths of London's vice, I found myself in a pub in Soho eavesdropping on two attractive girls seated at the next table.

Eavesdropping? Unrepentantly. My guide had asked me to pay particular attention to the older-looking of the two girls.

She was a beauty. Raven-haired, lovely, and poised. And her clothes couldn't hide her figure.

Suddenly her voice rose slightly and with magnificent boredom she said: "I've got £50 in my pocket, and I don't know what to do with it. I suppose I'll just have to go and buy some more clothes."

My companion nudged me. "Do you know where she gets that sort of 'jolly'? Stripping! And other things!"

He smirked. "Do you know how old she is? FIFTEEN." Why should this man tell me this?

SHOCKED

Because I had shown myself naive enough to be shocked by a report of a 14-year-old girl stripping in a club.

He was out to show me how it happens—and to let me draw my own conclusions as to why.

There are dozens of clubs on and beyond the vice-line in London. All of them have some sort of strip cabaret.

"These girls don't carry their birth certificates around with them," he went on. "How is a club proprietor to know when they are under age?"

It is true that one 14-year-old girl has been caught stripping in a tiny club for an audience of 34 men. But what guarantees can there be that the police, as they did in this case, will always catch girls like her before worse befalls them?

With the assistance of another newspaperman I tracked down the man who ran the club. He is an ex-public schoolboy, dapper, charming, suave—and 34. He admits that he has, in another connection, been called "the most sinister manager of the call-girl racket in London."

SUAVE

He is also the son of a respected missionary evangelist now in America and the nephew of a knight. His own marriage has broken up, and his two children are with their grandparents in America.

I asked him pointed questions about the 14-year-old girl who, the police said, he had hired at £8 a week to strip in a room measuring 12 feet by 12 feet—in a room crammed with 34 ogling men.

"Did you know she was only 14?"

Immaculate in camel-hair coat, he spread his hands in horror. "Certainly not. Don't take my word for it that she looked 20. Ask any of the people who watched her dance."

"How do you hire the services of such a child?"

"Through an agency," was the frank reply. "There are dozens of clubs round London using strippers. It has become such big business that agencies have

By

ERIC SEWELL

part of a stripper's job to accommodate individuals in her audience. What she does in respect that is her own affair."

"Are you going to open another strip joint?"

"Could do tomorrow, old chap. Anyone can open a club. But I'm finished with that particular line. I mean that. Something else will turn up."

FRANK

Out of this—considering the circumstances—remarkably frank conversation, one point struck me. That teenage girls were falling over themselves in droves to become hostesses, possibly strippers on the fringe of London's vice life.

Was this true?

I rammed through Soho, in and out of clubs and near-beer joints. I spoke to dozens of girls. And my findings? Take Shirley (as I will call her, though that is not her real name): Good home, good school, good job. But she was restless for the bright lights. She came to London against her parents' wishes and started an advanced secretarial course. Her mother thinks she is a private secretary.

IN DROVES

"They are falling over themselves to droves to get in on the act. I don't seek them. They seek me. They know it's easy money, and that's what they want. Easy money!"

"But they don't start as strippers?"

"Sometimes they do. There are schools and agencies for strippers. If a girl is good, she can graduate straight from there to the clubs."

"But most start as hostesses. They come to me and beg for a job. Maybe they've run away from home. Maybe they just can't be bothered earning money the hard way. And I take them on the cheap."

He thought for a moment.

"How can I answer you fairly?" he said at length.

"I ran a strip club. That's how I made my money. Am I really to be held responsible for the inclinations of some of these girls?"

"Wouldn't it be more true to condemn their parents? After all, it is as a result of their home background that most of them come to London, thirsting—absolutely thirsting, old chap—after easy money."

"But you say you ran a call-girl syndicate?"

"That's a different thing entirely. And that's over and done with. You were talking of teenage strippers."

"I was also talking of strippers turning prostitutes," I said.

"No, I won't be caught like that," he retorted.

"It isn't

THE 'BLEEP BEEP' PINT COMES TO BRITAIN

The first radio-controlled public house has come to Britain. Just before Christmas the first 10 "Bleep Beep" Buckles Inn, between Tadcaster and York, will be given midget radio receivers about the size of a small pen-type torch.

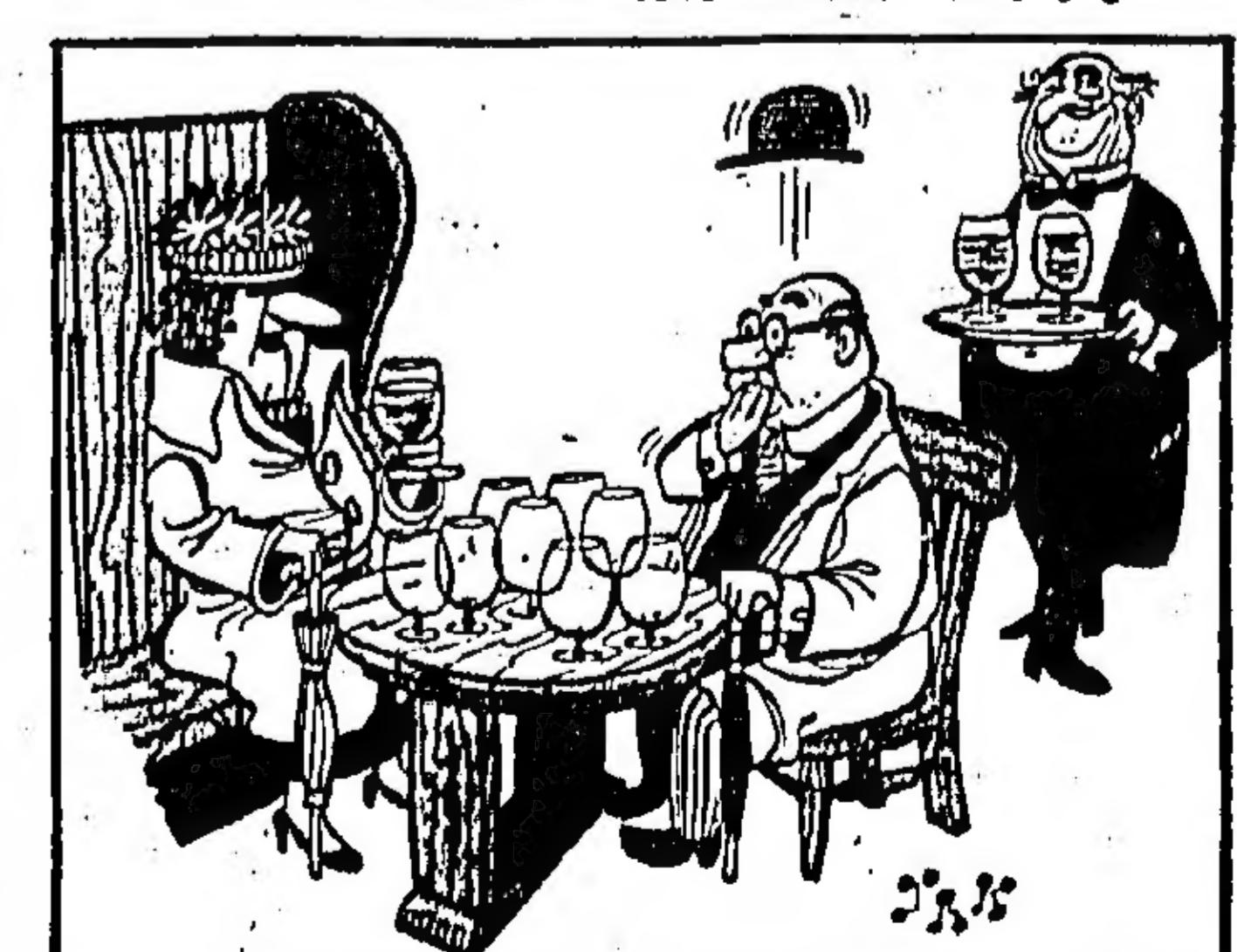
These will sound "bleep

bleep" when service is needed in other parts of the house.

"It's going to make an enormous difference to the efficiency and control of a public house of this size," said Mr. G. C. Webb, the licensee.

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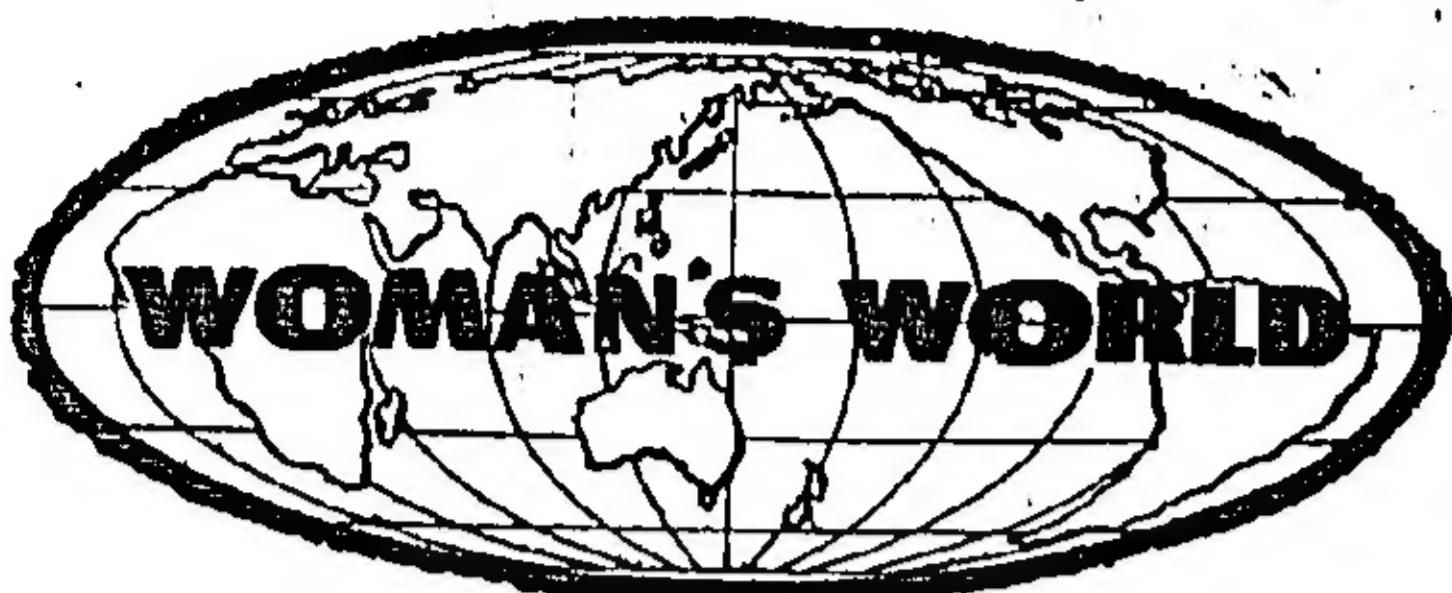
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WOMANSENSE

My, How Hongkong's Changed!



Their Heads Were Hers

Vienna. When Mrs Poldi Mader, who runs what is one of the most modern ladies' hairdressing establishments in Vienna, celebrated her 70th birthday recently, she also celebrated the fact that she has been a leader of fashion in hairdressing for over half a century.

In that time, she has dressed the hair of some of the most prominent ladies in Europe.

Since Poldi, as she is known to her clients, first began dressing hair as an apprentice in 1903, she has seen countless changes in style. Piled up curly gave way to bobs, in 1929 she did the first permanent wave ever to be done in Vienna,

a process which lasted five hours, and finally came shingles, bangs and the host of hair styles of the last 30 years.

In her early days she was sent to the great palaces of Vienna carrying with her in basket her brushes and combs and lotions.

But her career really began when she was called to attend on the Russian Grand Duchess Anna Pavlova in 1911. The Grand Duchess was so pleased with her work that she was constantly sent for after that, whenever the Duke and Duchess were in Germany or Austria. She went with them to Munich, Berlin, Dresden and elsewhere.

"The most noticeable change," said Mrs Reynolds, "is the terrific increase in population."

"I recall clearly," she continued, "that in 1932 I could walk down Des Voeux Road in complete comfort and take my time shopping. It would be almost hazardous to try it today."

Cleaver

By and large, however, Mrs Reynolds feels that Hongkong has altered for the better. The streets are cleaner, the transportation system more efficient and the poverty considerably reduced.

"I was happy to note that there are fewer beggars today."

Mrs Reynolds and her husband Chief Inspector Reynolds, left the Colony 26 years ago. Here they talk about the amazing changes they found.

PEOPLE I MEET
by JOANNE BLAIR

New To Me

Cheongsams are slit a bit higher, hair cuts are shorter and neater, while poise and self-assurance stand out vividly.

"It's new to me," remarked Mrs Reynolds, "to see a Chinese woman drive a car, smoke a cigarette or serve in a shop!"

"And the way they speak English! It's really amazing!" she exclaimed. "I'm thrilled to see the progress they have made."

The roaring buses, literally thousands of cars and the speed with which Hongkong moves make up the third astonishing feature of the city.

The Noise

"All the noise and rushing takes my breath away," she says. "In my early days here we were everywhere—either by chair or by rickshaw. Of course, there were cars just before we left, but nothing like the numbers we see today."

Mrs Reynolds paid tribute to the many social welfare societies who have helped to improve the lot of the Chinese.

Another very noticeable alteration, Mrs Reynolds notes, is the change in the Chinese women. "How smart and chic they are!" she says with delight. "Mind you, they always were very well dressed, but these days they are decidedly Westernised."

All the reclaimed land too, has made a difference. Areas that were remembered as a beach or cliff, now boast high buildings and wide roads. The first reclamation of land, she said, indicating the mainland, was where it all began in 1919. But you should see it now! Small villages have sprung up all over the once flat and country-like area."



MRS A. N. REYNOLDS

Happy Travelling

By GAY PAULEY

you've a cocktail costume with plenty of decolletage.

The tapered jersey pants have push-up legs, so that they're hidden under the coat, if the travelling girl wants to wear her lounge clothes instead of changing into them once aboard plane.

She can get the look of a daytime dress by zipping off a white dickey back into the blouse and wearing the straight skirt with jersey belt. Then the beaded top of the two-piece suit can go with the plain skirt, or belted skirt with plain top.

Loper has developed an all-jersey wardrobe in black. The basic 10 items worked out to at least 22 combinations in my closet, and a good mathematician could easily figure out more. It is all done with mix, match reverses and zippers, and fits neatly into a single hatbox. With accessories, it weighs in at just 20 pounds.

The basics are a fitted coat, slant trousers, blouse with removable white dickey, a straight skirt, a hood, a two-piece jet beaded suit, one jersey belt and one wide satin cummerbund.

Daytime

The coat zips apart at the waistline, leaving a jacket which can be combined with the straight skirt; the coat, skirt and cummerbund lined with taffeta, so that turned wrong side out it is dressy. Add the jersey blouse with dickey zipped out and

you've a cocktail costume with plenty of decolletage.

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Loper put together the wardrobe originally for Jeanne Gammie, women's fashion director for Scandinavian Airlines, who travels some 25,000 miles annually and said it was always a problem to find a capsule wardrobe.

Miss Gammie, a pretty blonde, said she has only one objection to Loper's wardrobe—the skirt of the coat should be less full.

Loper's other customers apparently have no complaints. Several movie star clients have paid \$1,100 for the wardrobe.

Household Hints

Never press a dress or other garment with a stain in it. First try to remove the stain; pressing may set it so it can't be removed.

Save mesh bugs—from packages of oranges, potatoes, and so forth—to use as tote bugs for books and small articles.

Moths are not interested in cottons, linens, rayons or other synthetic fabrics. They eat only fabrics of animal origin—wool, fur and feathers.

Never put gloves on damp hands. Fit them on slowly, first over the fingers, then over the thumb. Smooth with gentle pressure next to the thumb.

In removing them, pull over hand to the second finger joint; then slide off and reshape.

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THE WORLD CHAMP CALLS IT A DAY

KRAMER TROUPE BANNED FROM PLAYING IN TESTIMONIAL MATCH

Perth, Dec. 16.
Jack Kramer's professional tennis troupe will not be allowed to play in a testimonial tournament for former Australian Davis Cup star, Jack Crawford, at Sydney's White City on January 11.

Announcing this today, Mr. Donald Ferguson, President of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, said this decision was taken at the same time as the Association agreed to seek a world-wide ban on the use by Kramer's professionals of amateur courts.

Mr. Ferguson said the Association decided they could not approve the suggestion made about a month ago that Kramer's professionals should play at the testimonial tournament providing they played only among themselves.

This was decided, said Mr. Ferguson, because of the previous decision to ban the Kramer troupe from the Association's courts.

Kramer Angry At Having To Desert US Team

Promoter Jack Kramer angrily flew out of Perth three days before the start of the Italy-United States Davis Cup Interzone final, saying he was forced to desert the United States team because of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia's ban against his professional troupe playing in the Jack Crawford testimonial match.

Kramer, who was coaching the American Cup team, said: "I want to find out what these LTAA guys are trying to do to me. Crawford is such a swell guy, I don't want to see his testimonial tournament collapse."

The promoter said he was going to Sydney to seek another venue for the testimonial tournament. He also wants to complete arrangements for his troupe's tour.

He said he will rejoin the American team in Brisbane for the challenge round. —U.P.T.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Notice is hereby given that the new Branch Office of the Club at King's Road, North Point (near the Empire Theatre) will open for the sale of Cash Sweep tickets as from Thursday, 18th December, 1958.

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MIKE HAWTHORN

Henry Longhurst On Golf

BACK TO EARTH FROM THE HEIGHTS OF MEXICO

The journey so far afield as Mexico leaves many impressions on the mind, not all of them related to the golf, which was strictly the object of the visit.

The first is that, having expended the whole of this space a year or so ago to lifting my hat to Harry Bradshaw I cannot refrain from briefly doing so again.

Ireland brought the Canada Cup home and O'Connor played a splendid supporting role. But Harry was the hero.

I will not harp further on the difficulties of playing golf at high altitudes, but it will hardly be disputed that weight for weight and age for age, there is no better than Harry Bradshaw—and never mind what part of Ireland he comes from!

The two golfing bees in my personal bonbonniere, the length of the golf-staff and sleeves of play—were exhibited in Mexico in such full and magnificent idiocy that I must wait for another day to do justice to them, as well as to my various talks with the now, mellowed and humanised edition of Ben Hogan.

Up And Coming

When others were sinking exhausted in the locker room, he was ready with affable conversation, and us for the dysentery, "I bringin' th' water out of it, if you're going to get it, you'll get it anyway."

A year ago in Tokyo, he had to retire from this tournament through persistent nose bleeding. I saw him standing cheerfully in the hotel entrance as we left. Only three or four people, of whom I was not one, then knew that in the intervening

days he had been so near to death that a priest had been called to administer the last rites.

My colleagues are due shortly to elect a Golfer of the Year who has "done most for British Golf." Had they seen him in Mexico, they would look no further than Harry Bradshaw—and never mind what part of Ireland he comes from!

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I remember in particular as it soared steeply into the sky a stewardess positively heaving herself up from one seat-back to the next as she tried to make her way to the forward cabin.

Up aloft, alone in the firmament at 40,000 ft., one sits for some hours apparently stationary. One can balance a penny on the table, the liquid in one's glass does not even tremble, and the only item of equipment missing is the billiard cue.

How Right

And how right psychologically were De Havilland in insisting that their men take care not to scratch the Comet's glistening outer shell. All other aircraft lose tatty by comparison.

One fell afrightened when someone refuelling at Prestwick left rubber sole marks on the wing outside my window.

We ended in a "stack"—somewhere over Watford the captain sold—circling for half an hour in a world of our own: shirt sleeves, dark glasses, the sun blazing down on a limitless waste of cotton wool stretching away to a curved horizon. Not alone this time but with half a dozen others.

The world champion has had several near-fatal accidents. At 23, he crashed while practising for the Italian Grand Prix and was down to Britain where a chest operation saved him. He had been badly burned, had his ribs smashed and his lung punctured.

But his worst experience came in 1955 when 62 spectators were killed during the Le Mans 24-hour Grand Prix d'Endurance.

It shows May's determination to leave nothing to chance.

Hawthorn, who saw the

Impressions

Their driving is based on the first principle of craftsmanship: "The man who loses his nerve last goes across first." Rather like playing "nibis" at school, with the reverse object, namely, to ensure that the other fellow hits you amidsships rather than vice-versa, thus proving himself in the wrong.

Of many crowded impressions, the strongest is that of the journey home and how we may feel by proud. Six hours direct from Mexico City to New York in the Comet. It is true that we landed on the wrong green so to speak, and found ourselves breakfasting at Prest-

Sports Diary

TODAY
Rugby
Army "North" v. Police (BB)
Physical Training
Cup Final, 1 p.m.
Football, 3 p.m.
Cycling, 5 p.m.
Athletics, 6 p.m.

Happy-Go-Lucky Mike Hawthorn Retires At Height Of Fame

By RICHARD BERRY

John Michael Hawthorn is now retiring having reached the summit of international motor-racing in record-breaking time.

Five years ago he was the unknown "new boy" of the Grand Prix circuits. Now, at 29, he has succeeded the great Juan Fangio as champion of the world. But then Mike Hawthorn got off to an early start. He was only eight years old when he drove a car for the first time—an old Jowett left in his father's garage for repair.

At 14, he had his first motor-bike. At 17, he started a four-year engineering apprenticeship, an ideal preparation for his future career as a motor racing driver.

In 1952, his first year of senior racing, Hawthorn proved himself one of the most popular drivers in Britain by his brilliant performances at Goodwood against top international competition. He finished the season runner-up to Stirling Moss for the national motor-racing championship.

Light heavyweight champion Archie Moore stands over Canadian challenger Yvon Durelle after knocking him down in the 11th round of their title bout in Montreal last Friday.

Durelle got back on his feet but moments later Archie knocked him out to retain the crown.

THE STANCE OF VICTORY



tremendous tragedy, broke down and said he was finished with racing. He wanted the race to be stopped.

Yet, in the final stages, he was persuaded to take over racing. Hawthorn won his first race in Britain.

Loyalty to the firm which gave him his first big chance in racing, partly explains Hawthorn's remarkable efforts to carry on in the face of great adversity.

Loves Racing

A more simple explanation is that he loves racing for racing's sake. He has no business manager or any special organisation behind him. Early in his career he was barely scraping a living from motor racing.

Hawthorn is, in fact, an easy-going young man without great ambition. He runs a garage, smokes and drinks when he pleases, flies his private aircraft, and is happiest when relaxing at the country cottage where he lives with his mother.

She does not really approve of her son's racing, but she never tries to stop him.

The world champion has never regarded motor racing as a real career. For Hawthorn, it is a profitable recreation.

Baptism Of Fire

The tall, blond bow-tied Englishman had a baptism of fire on the international circuit.

In the Argentine Grand Prix, his team-mate Farina skidded while trying to avoid a small boy on the track and crashed into the crowd.

Hawthorn, placed just behind Farina, was horrified to see that dozens of spectators had been killed or injured. But despite this unnerving experience, the comparative beginner swept on round the track to finish fourth.

That year, too, at the age of 23, he won the French Grand Prix at Pneus after a terrific duel with Fangio driving a Maserati. They raced inches apart at 170 mph., a speed which left the reigning world champion Alberto Ascari, trail-

ing behind.

At the finish, less than eight seconds separated the first five cars. And Mike Hawthorn, who came fourth in the world championship that year, was launched on the road to fame.

Hawthorn has had many triumphs since then, but until this year he was somewhat overshadowed by Fangio, five times world champion, and Moss, seven times British champion.

Ironically, he has now become the first British world champion in a year in which he had no special interest in the championship. He did not make an impressive start to the 1958 season and he was greatly distressed by the deaths of his racing friends, Peter Collins and Luigi Musso.

Cricket authorities say that

if Mr. Archer could easily regain his place in the Australian Test side—China Mail Special.

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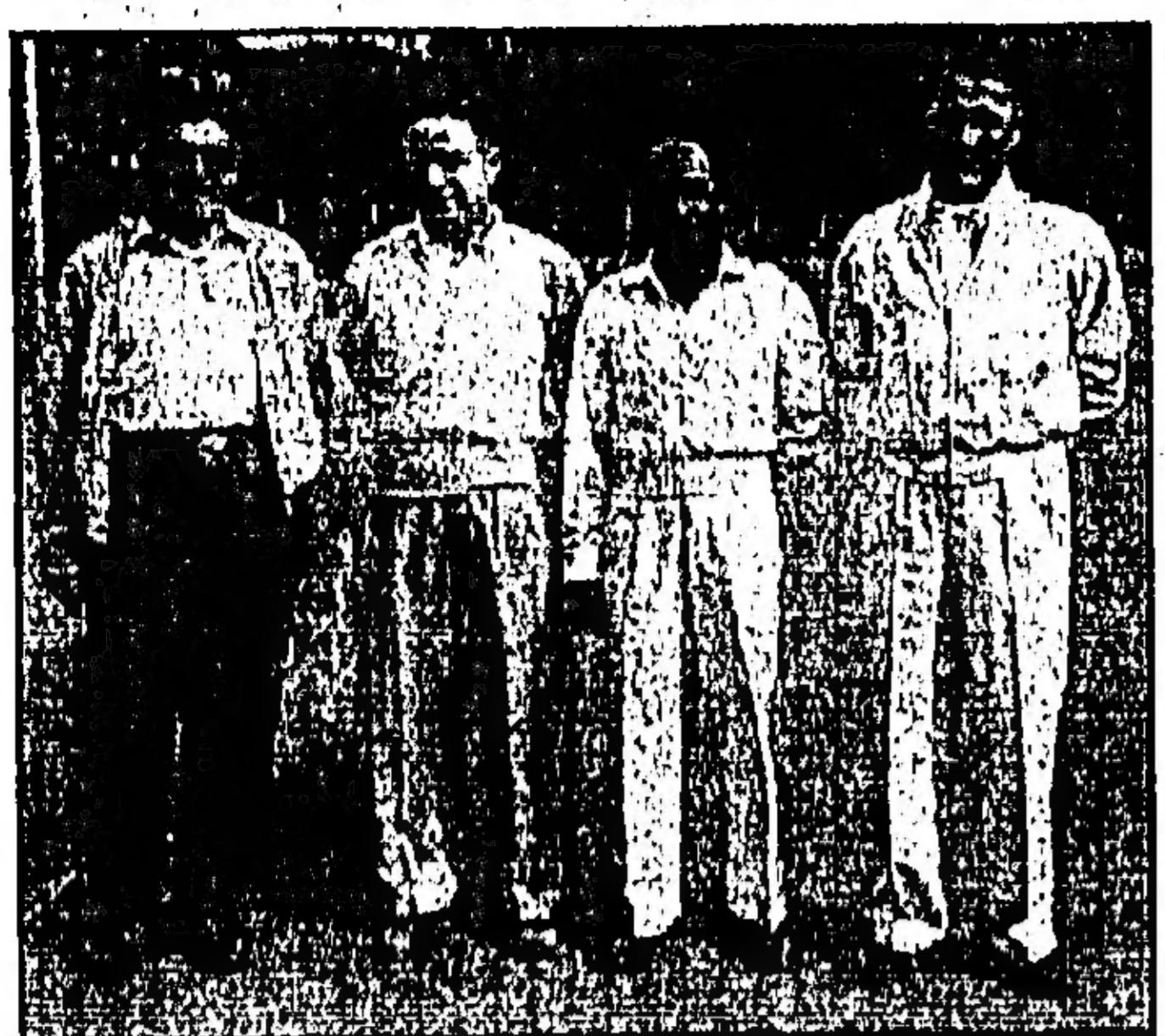
CHESS

BY LEONARD BARDEEN

Here is a brevity from a Hastings tournament, the way in which White's queen penetrates to the back rank is most unusual (Stand v. Sjstrom).

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Solution: No. 5521: 1 Kt-B7, Q-KB5 ch; 2 Kt-B2, Q-QB5 ch; 3 Kt-Q3, P-Kt3; 4 Q-QB5 ch; 2 RxQ ch; RxP; 5 Kt-B2; 6 Kt-QB5 ch; 7 Kt-B3; 8 Kt-B2; 9 Kt-QB5 ch; 10 Kt-B3; 11 Kt-B2; 12 Kt-QB5 ch; 13 Kt-B3; 14 Kt-B2; 15 Kt-B3; 16 Kt-B2; 17 Kt-B3; 18 Kt-B2; 19 Kt-B3; 20 Kt-B2; 21 Kt-B3; 22 Kt-B2; 23 Kt-B3; 24 Kt-B2; 25 Kt-B3; 26 Kt-B2; 27 Kt-B3; 28 Kt-B2; 29 Kt-B3; 30 Kt-B2; 31 Kt-B3; 32 Kt-B2; 33 Kt-B3; 34 Kt-B2; 35 Kt-B3; 36 Kt-B2; 37 Kt-B3; 38 Kt-B2; 39 Kt-B3; 40 Kt-B2; 41 Kt-B3; 42 Kt-B2; 43 Kt-B3; 44 Kt-B2; 45 Kt-B3; 46 Kt-B2; 47 Kt-B3; 48 Kt-B2; 49 Kt-B3; 50 Kt-B2; 51 Kt-B3; 52 Kt-B2; 53 Kt-B3; 54 Kt-B2; 55 Kt-B3; 56 Kt-B2; 57 Kt-B3; 58 Kt-B2; 59 Kt-B3; 60 Kt-B2; 61 Kt-B3; 62 Kt-B2; 63 Kt-B3; 64 Kt-B2; 65 Kt-B3; 66 Kt-B2; 67 Kt-B3; 68 Kt-B2; 69 Kt-B3; 70 Kt-B2; 71 Kt-B3; 72 Kt-B2; 73 Kt-B3; 74 Kt-B2; 75 Kt-B3; 76 Kt-B2; 77 Kt-B3; 78 Kt-B2; 79 Kt-B3; 80 Kt-B2; 81 Kt-B3; 82 Kt-B2; 83 Kt-B3; 84 Kt-B2; 85 Kt-B3; 86 Kt-B2; 87 Kt-B3; 88 Kt-B2; 89 Kt-B3; 90 Kt-B2; 91 Kt-B3; 92 Kt-B2; 93 Kt-B3; 94 Kt-B2; 95 Kt-B3; 96 Kt-B2; 97 Kt-B3; 98 Kt-B2; 99 Kt-B3; 100 Kt-B2; 101 Kt-B3; 102 Kt-B2; 103 Kt-B3; 104 Kt-B2; 105 Kt-B3; 106 Kt-B2; 107 Kt-B3; 108 Kt-B2; 109 Kt-B3; 110 Kt-B2; 111 Kt-B3; 112 Kt-B2; 113 Kt-B3; 114 Kt-B2; 115 Kt-B3; 116 Kt-B2; 117 Kt-B3; 118 Kt-B2; 119 Kt-B3; 120 Kt-B2; 121 Kt-B3; 122 Kt-B2; 123 Kt-B3; 124 Kt-B2; 125 Kt-B3; 126 Kt-B2; 127 Kt-B3; 128 Kt-B2; 129 Kt-B3; 130 Kt-B2; 131 Kt-B3; 132 Kt-B2; 133 Kt-B3; 134 Kt-B2; 135 Kt-B3; 136 Kt-B2; 137 Kt-B3; 138 Kt-B2; 139 Kt-B3; 140 Kt-B2; 141 Kt-B3; 142 Kt-B2; 143 Kt-B3; 144 Kt-B2; 145 Kt-B3; 146 Kt-B2; 147 Kt-B3; 148 Kt-B2; 149 Kt-B3; 150 Kt-B2; 151 Kt-B3; 152 Kt-B2; 153 Kt-B3; 154 Kt-B2; 155 Kt-B3; 156 Kt-B2; 157 Kt-B3; 158 Kt-B2; 159 Kt-B3; 160 Kt-B2; 161 Kt-B3; 162 Kt-B2; 163 Kt-B3; 164 Kt-B2; 165 Kt-B3; 166 Kt-B2; 167 Kt-B3; 168 Kt-B2; 169 Kt-B3; 170 Kt-B2; 171 Kt-B3; 172 Kt-B2; 173 Kt-B3; 174 Kt-B2; 175 Kt-B3; 176 Kt-B2; 177 Kt-B3; 178 Kt-B2; 179 Kt-B3; 180 Kt-B2; 181 Kt-B3; 182 Kt-B2; 183 Kt-B3; 184 Kt-B2; 185 Kt-B3; 186 Kt-B2; 187 Kt-B3; 188 Kt-B2; 189 Kt-B3; 190 Kt-B2; 191 Kt-B3; 192 Kt-B2; 193 Kt-B3; 194 Kt-B2; 195 Kt-B3; 196 Kt-B2; 197 Kt-B3; 198 Kt-B2; 199 Kt-B3; 200 Kt-B2; 201 Kt-B3; 202 Kt-B2; 203 Kt-B3; 204 Kt-B2; 205 Kt-B3; 206 Kt-B2; 207 Kt-B3; 208 Kt-B2; 209 Kt-B3; 210 Kt-B2; 211 Kt-B3; 212 Kt-B2; 213 Kt-B3; 214 Kt-B2; 215 Kt-B3; 216 Kt-B2; 217 Kt-B3; 218 Kt-B2; 219 Kt-B3; 220 Kt-B2; 221 Kt-B3; 222 Kt-B2; 223 Kt-B3; 224 Kt-B2; 225 Kt-B3; 226 Kt-B2; 227 Kt-B3; 228 Kt-B2; 229 Kt-B3; 230 Kt-B2; 231 Kt-B3; 232 Kt-B2; 233 Kt-B3; 234 Kt-B2; 235 Kt-B3; 236 Kt-B2; 237 Kt-B3; 238 Kt-B2; 239 Kt-B3; 240 Kt-B2; 241 Kt-B3; 242 Kt-B2; 243 Kt-B3; 244 Kt-B2; 245 Kt-B3; 246 Kt-B2; 247 Kt-B3; 248 Kt-B2; 249 Kt-B3; 250 Kt-B2; 251 Kt-B3; 252 Kt-B2; 253 Kt-B3; 254 Kt-B2; 255 Kt-B3; 256 Kt-B2; 257 Kt-B3; 258 Kt-B2; 259 Kt-B3; 26



The Colony Inter-hong pairs lawn bowls competition for the Ali Shield concluded last Sunday when A. P. Pereira and J. Chubb of Dodwell and Co. Ltd beat W. L. McCall and W. M. Davidson of Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd by 30-14 in the final match played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

Photo shows (from left to right) W. L. McCall, W. M. Davidson, A. P. Pereira and J. Chubb.—China Mail Photo.



ABOVE: It looks as if a riot is going on here, but actually it is only Wimbledon tennis champion Ashley Cooper giving prison inmates a tennis demonstration when he recently visited the Bentridge Gaol in Victoria with other Davis Cup team members Neale Fraser and Rod Laver.—Central Press Photo.

RIGHT: That awful moment for a batsman is being experienced by Hongkong Cricket Club Optimists' batsman Pat Soughan as he turns back to see his wicket shattered by a ball from Scorpions bowler Cunningham after scoring 11 runs. This first division league match between the Optimists and the Scorpions last Saturday ended in a draw. — China Mail Photo.



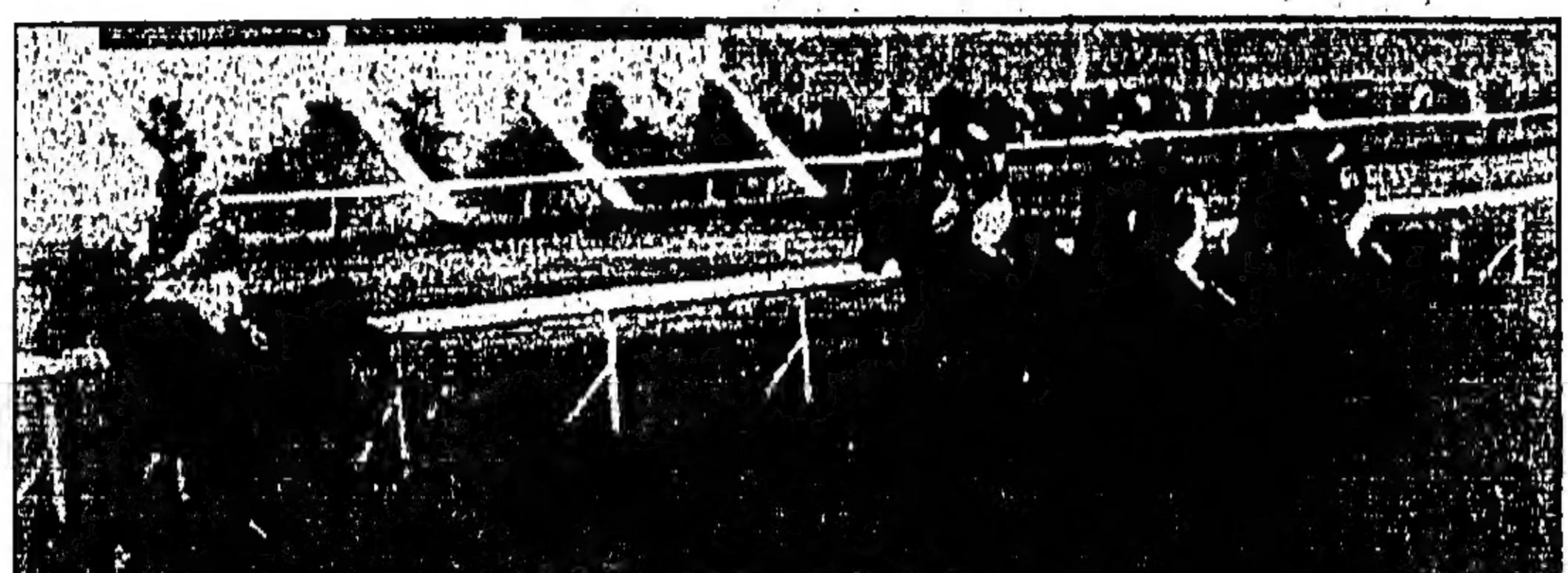
ABOVE: England's "golden boy" of boxing, Terry Spinks (right) is seen during his ten-round contest which he won on points over the Canadian champion, Pat Supple, at Wembley last week.—Central Press Photo.



Undefeated Recrelo "A" scored an overwhelming 9-0 win over Kowloon Cricket Club last Saturday in their senior ladies' hockey league match to be now well within verge of the Championship title.

Here Recrelo inside-left Lourdes Gutierrez is seen about to flick the ball past KCC goalkeeper Beta Buckingham for one of the nine Recrelo goals, as left-back Mimi Motta races back in vain to cover up.—China Mail Photo.

SPORTS PICTORIAL



The first day's races of the Fifth Race Meeting at Happy Valley last Saturday again claimed the week's major sports interest.

Top photo shows the finish of the main event of the afternoon—the Green Park Handicap for Class One ponies over the distance of one mile and 171 yards. Top favourite Night People could only finish third well behind Red Light (No. 4) and Winsome Star, with Red Light emerging winner in a photo-finish.

At left, Xin Chi is seen winning the Hamilton Park Handicap for Class 5 ponies from Co-ordination (No. 1) and Fenchurch (No. 2).—China Mail photos.



MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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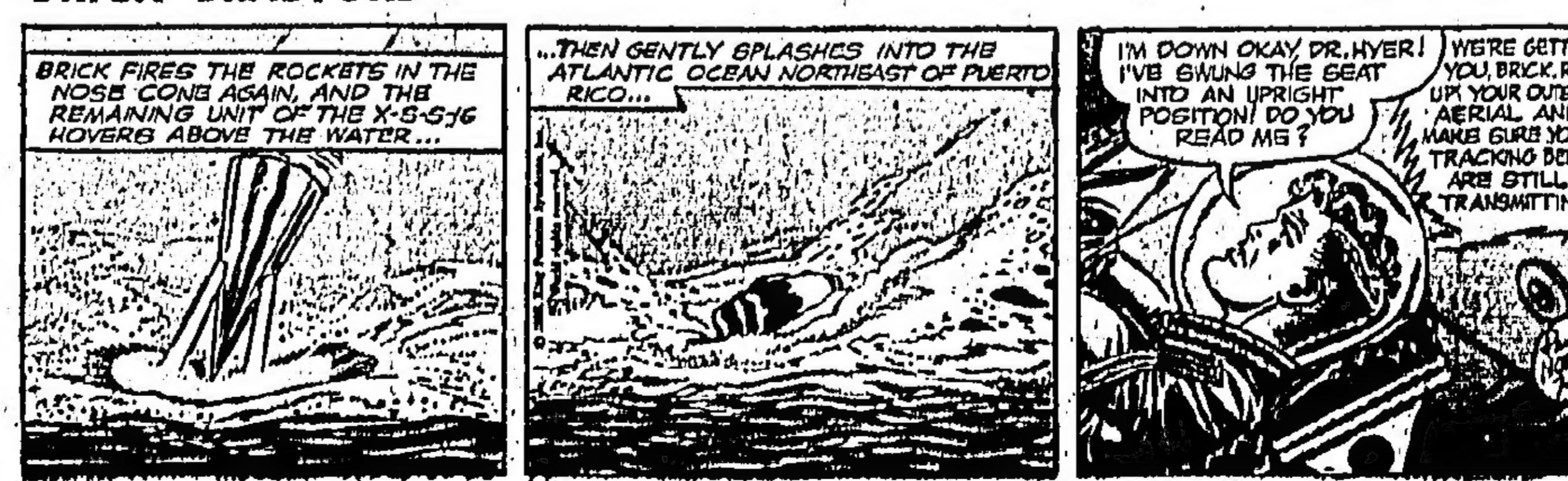
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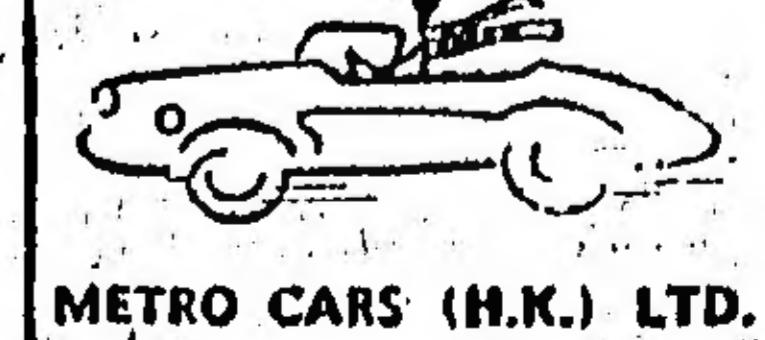
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Mao - The Soldier Poet

THE MASSES LOVE HIM BUT HE NEVER SOUGHT POPULARITY

Mao Tse-tung, who has resigned as Chairman of People's China, is the most contradictory figure of contemporary Communism.

He is a poet by taste, a philosopher by formation, a politician who has weathered the most violent struggles and a military strategist whose talents are recognised throughout the world.

He is also an excellent athlete. In 1956, at the age of 63, he swam the Yangtze River three times, remaining each time more than two hours in the icy waters and battling strong currents.

He was born in 1893 in Shun Shan, Hunan Province, the son of a small farmer who employed workers and paid them badly. Mao's youth was dominated by one idea: To control the world he must study.

He went to Teachers' College in Shanghai, and at the age of 18 joined in the revolutionary movement directed against the following Manchu Dynasty and imperialism" by Dr Sun Yat-sen, who was to be the founder of the Chinese Republic.

Mao was won over to Marxism and in 1921 attended the first Congress of the Chinese Communist Party in Shanghai. He wrote many works on strategy and ideology.

His name began to be known throughout China. His authority within the Communist Party was no longer contested, and in March, 1943, he was elected President of the Party's Political Bureau.

In June, 1943, he was elected to the Central Committee of the Party but had many difficulties up to 1939.

He had to fight against Chiang Kai-shek, who broke with the Communists in 1927, and also against his own friends,

"Devotionist"

The Communist leaders in Moscow placed their confidence in another Chinese Communist leader, Li Teng-hui, an advocate of workers' action, while Mao and the Communist Party to base itself on the peasantry.

Mao was finally called a "devotionist" and excluded from the Central Committee's Political Bureau.

However, Mao maintained his post on the Central Committee, and at the beginning of the military action revealed his talents as a brilliant strategist.

He gave striking proof of his abilities during the famous "long march," in which 100,000 revolutionaries (men and women) retreating before the

Red Army, fought their way through mountains, across rivers, and through forests, finally reaching safety in Yenan.

In 1950, Mao for the first time visited Moscow, where he signed with Stalin the Sino-Soviet alliance.

He did not visit the Soviet capital again until 1957, when he attended the celebrations of the 40th anniversary of the Russian revolution and the meetings of world Communist leaders.

Mao who had become President of the Republic held himself relatively aloof from routine government affairs.

He took part in almost no public ceremonies except the Labour Day (May 1) and National Day (October 1) parades.

No Passion

Mao is not a leader who arouses passion in crowds.

His popularity which he seems never to have sought is due to the veneration in which he is held by the Chinese masses.

However, his portraits and busts reproduced in millions of copies adorn practically every office and home in China.

A monument to martyrs died fighting for China which was inaugurated this year in Peking is inscribed with a statement by Mao reproduced in the Chinese President's handwriting.

In the spring of 1958, Mao launched the famous slogan "Let one hundred flowers blossom" which seemed to herald a new era of liberalism in Chinese thought and art.

However, afterwards Mao considerably reduced the scope of this slogan. At the same time he made many trips throughout the country.

His writings published in a three-volume "Collected Works" are obligatory reading in China and the Soviet authorities have advised Soviet Communists to read them.—France Presse.

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PEOPLE in the news

14-Year-Old May Be New Bardot



A 14-year-old English girl, Gillian Hills, may become the new Brigitte Bardot.

She has been picked by Roger Vadim, the man who made Bardot into the legend. She is to star in his next film "Les Liaisons Dangerous."

It all started when Gillian had bronchitis and her mother decided to take her and live in the south of France.

At the age of eight she decided that she wanted to become an actress, and when she recently heard that Vadim was looking for a new discovery to replace Bardot she wrote and secured an interview. — Central Press Photo.

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

I READ that someone has discovered a method by which oilirliners may be landed on tiny landing grounds in the centre of London, even in dense fog.

Such a prospect goes to one's head like wine. How soon may we expect work to begin on the first tiny landing ground in Piccadilly Circus?

Rigoletto at Whipsnade

WOULD the police be justified in arresting a man with a nosecone—an oval six feet four inches in diameter?

"I have to walk in single file," said the owner of this unusual growth, the man who made "Rigoletto" at Whipsnade being considered.

The animals would be encouraged to mingle freely with the performers. "When it comes to catching fish in the mouth," said a soprano, "seals can always beat even the greatest singer."

Will there be an inquiry?

THE Governors of Norover School have been alarmed by a report from one of their plain-clothes men at the school that the expenses accounts of the masters are added to the bills sent to parents instead of being met by the head master out of a fund raised from the parents. Moreover many masters,

as I revealed, include in their expenses not only the upkeep of their cars but their losses at cards. Dr Smart-Alich said last night, "This obsession of the Governors with money is an ugly manifestation of the wave of materialism which is sweeping over this country."

Keeping a bushy upper lip

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"seals can always beat even the greatest singer."

Shall I trim your pathes jungle, sir?" queried the barbers.

Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted—Matthew 5:4.

When we know the happiness of lost loved ones, only selfishness could make us continue to mourn.

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TO SLASH AIR FARES IF ALLOWED ON COLONIAL ROUTES

London, Dec. 16. EAGLE Aviation, a privately owned airline, announced last night that it would slash air fares if permitted by the British Government to fly on ten colonial routes.

Mr Harold Bamberg, Chairman of the company, said that in most cases the new fares proposed by his company would be less than the current sea fares.

He agreed that his company were taking the unusual step of

U.S. Willing To Join Sea Conference

Washington, Dec. 16. THE State Department said today that the United States would be glad to join with European maritime countries in a conference on shipping problems including "Flags of Convenience."

Denmark was understood today to have joined Britain, Norway and the Netherlands in handing over notes to the State Department proposing such a meeting. France, Italy and Belgium were expected to make similar moves.

The State Department spokesman, Mr Lincoln White, told a press conference that the United States will be pleased to exchange information and views with the other governments.

He could not forecast what the United States attitude would be in a discussion on "Flags of Convenience."

The conference is expected to be held in Washington next February or possibly in March, diplomatic sources said.

Early this month the International Transport Workers' Federation conducted a four-day boycott of vessels operating under so-called flags of convenience—registered in Liberia, Panama, Honduras and Costa Rica.—Reuter.

Japan's Shipbuilding Programme For 1959

TOKYO, Dec. 8. THE Council on Rationalisation of Shipping and Shipbuilding (an Admision body) today recommended that construction for next year's official shipbuilding programme should remain at 230,000 tons, the same tonnage approved for this year.

The 1959 plan includes 100,000 tons of liners, 63,000 tons of tankers and 85,000 tons of oil tankers. The Council also asked the Government to supply additional assistance to the shipping industry to increase its competitive power in world markets.—Reuter.

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Zurich Others unchanged.—U.P.I.

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LIVERPOOL
Cotton quotations, in pence per lb., were as follows:
Old Contract 22.00
Dec./Jan. 22.00, Oldest unquoted.
New Contract All unquoted.
Closing prices were unavailable today.

World Markets Digest The Good News

By SYDNEY S. CAMPBELL

London, Dec. 16. The markets have been digesting a remarkable amount of good news.

Worries about what is to happen in Europe when the Common Market starts in January and when Berlin's six months' grace expires in May have been pushed right into the background.

Wall Street and London Stock Exchange have both rallied towards the previous highs. On one good day Wall Street has surpassed the previous highs.

In both countries the rise in unemployment in November was less than is seasonably expected and much less than had been feared.

Inventories are exerting a strong upward pull on American business.

Between the autumn of 1957 and the spring of this year, they obstructed about ten billion dollars a year of demand.

In the past nine months they have put it back. Massive liquidation of inventories has progressively been replaced by modest accumulation, which is expected to continue.

Merely because the liquidation was so sharp there is the less reason to fear the secondary bout of inventory liquidation which blighted previous American recoveries.

American car output is at last being allowed to go ahead. It could provide the required stimulus to retail trade.

Retailing tends to lag in any American recovery phase. In 1954 the decisive upturn came only when the new cars caught the public fancy at the end of the year.

Something similar could happen this time, to keep things going until the capital goods cycle turns upward.

The Bottom

It seems to be off the bottom and the record is that once it begins to rise it gathers strength for a goodly time.

One thing which tends to bring forward the demand for both capital and consumer goods is the extraordinary fall in the marriage age. American girls now get married younger

After a conference with Bank of Japan Governor, Masamichi Yamagawa, Sato told newsmen the government was studying action to check the spiraling share prices.

Some newspapers speculated that the promised clamp would come next week.

Wild Day

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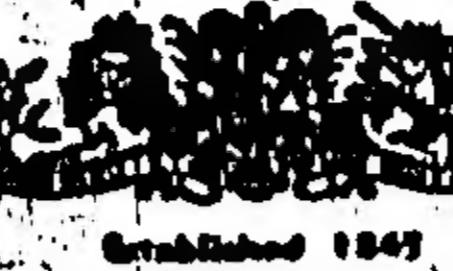
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NEW HK DEVELOPMENT AREA

Governor's Three-Hour Visit To Kun Tong

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Robert Black spent three hours this morning on an inspection of public works projects at Kun Tong, the Colony's principal postwar development area on the eastern shores of Kowloon Bay.

NEW POST



The Governor was accompanied by the Director of Public Works, the Hon. A. Ingalls and the Assistant Director of Public Works, Mr. W. A. Johnson.

Eight contracting firms are at present engaged in the various phases of the engineering works at Kun Tong. Sir Robert first inspected the 1,000-foot long sea-wall which has been built to enclose a reclamation of about 90 acres to provide factory sites for industry.

Soil from the foothills immediately to the north of the reclamation is being dumped to form the second stage of this extensive reclamation project. The entire reclamation, on completion, will provide some 240 acres of new land from the sea.

The Governor today travelled by land rover over some rough terrain. He saw the progress of work on the building of new factories and other buildings on the reclaimed area. Bulldozers and excavators were at work in the foothills, which are being levelled to form new housing zones.

Accompanied by Mr Andrew Mar, Chief Engineer, Ports Works Office, Sir Robert drove past Ngau Chai Ridge to obtain a general view of the development area. (See photo at right.)

The Governor saw formation work at the new Kun Tong resettlement estate which will have over 20 blocks of seven-story buildings and provide accommodation for more than 50,000 people.

The first stage of this resettlement scheme calls for the building of four H-blocks with accommodation for about 11,000 people while the second stage consists of the filling in of the valley by cutting away part of the hill to form a site for nine other blocks with accommoda-

Robbery On Staircase

A Chinese held up and robbed a woman of \$1,400 in cash on the staircase of No. 141, Sai Yee Street shortly after midday yesterday.

CHINA LIKE A BIG ZOO

Indian Professor's View After Six-Week Visit

"China is like a big zoo: you have three meals a day, you work tremendously hard, but you have no freedom at all," said Dr S. Chandrasekhar, Director of the Indian Institute of Population Studies, and Professor of Economics at University College, Madras, who arrived in Hongkong yesterday after a six-week visit to China.

He was speaking at a press conference held in the Astor Hotel this morning.

He said the Chinese have destroyed the intellectuals and more or less abolished the ordinary comprehensive universities.

"The Communists say, 'What is the use of studying Shakespeare when you want to build dams and factories,'" he said.

The qualifications necessary to become a student in a Chinese university, Dr Chandrasekhar said, are:

★ Political ideology. "In China no questions are asked and no tests are carried out. A student can get into a university if he is enthusiastic about Socialism."

★ He must be in excellent health;

★ He must be intellectually apt.

During his six-week visit, Dr Chandrasekhar visited a Chinese commune in Cheng Chai. "There," he said, "a group of 68 villages have become communes at the request of the villagers. Now they have 135 creches, 130 tot gardens, 220 youth centres, 24 Happy Homes for the Aged, two middle schools with 22 classes of 14-15 students and 30 'Red and expert' (technical) colleges."

They also have two large hospitals, 14 out-patient departments, and 18 shops.

The population of this 'Sputnik commune' is 67,551," he said.

The great benefit of these communes is expressed by the 10 guarantees which include: free clothing, free food, free housing, free transport to and

from work, maternity benefits, old age benefits, sick leave, funeral and burial, education, tailoring, electricity, marriage grant, recreational facilities, and bringing up children," he said.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS

Three accused—two farmers and a watchman—will be arraigned before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes at the Criminal Sessions tomorrow on charges of murder and wounding.

The accused are Hui Ching, 39, and Hui Shiu-chung, 26, both farmers, charged with the murder of Hui Tin-ping in Shatin on September 5, and Cheung Sang, 33, watchman, charged with wounding another man, Ng Shong, on September 20, with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Police Raid

(Continued from Page 1) the stairs of the next door house.

Defendant was then taken back to his quarters where police found the radio apparatus. The Inspector added just when he felt the radio set, "It was still hot".

Leung said he was operating it when the police arrived.

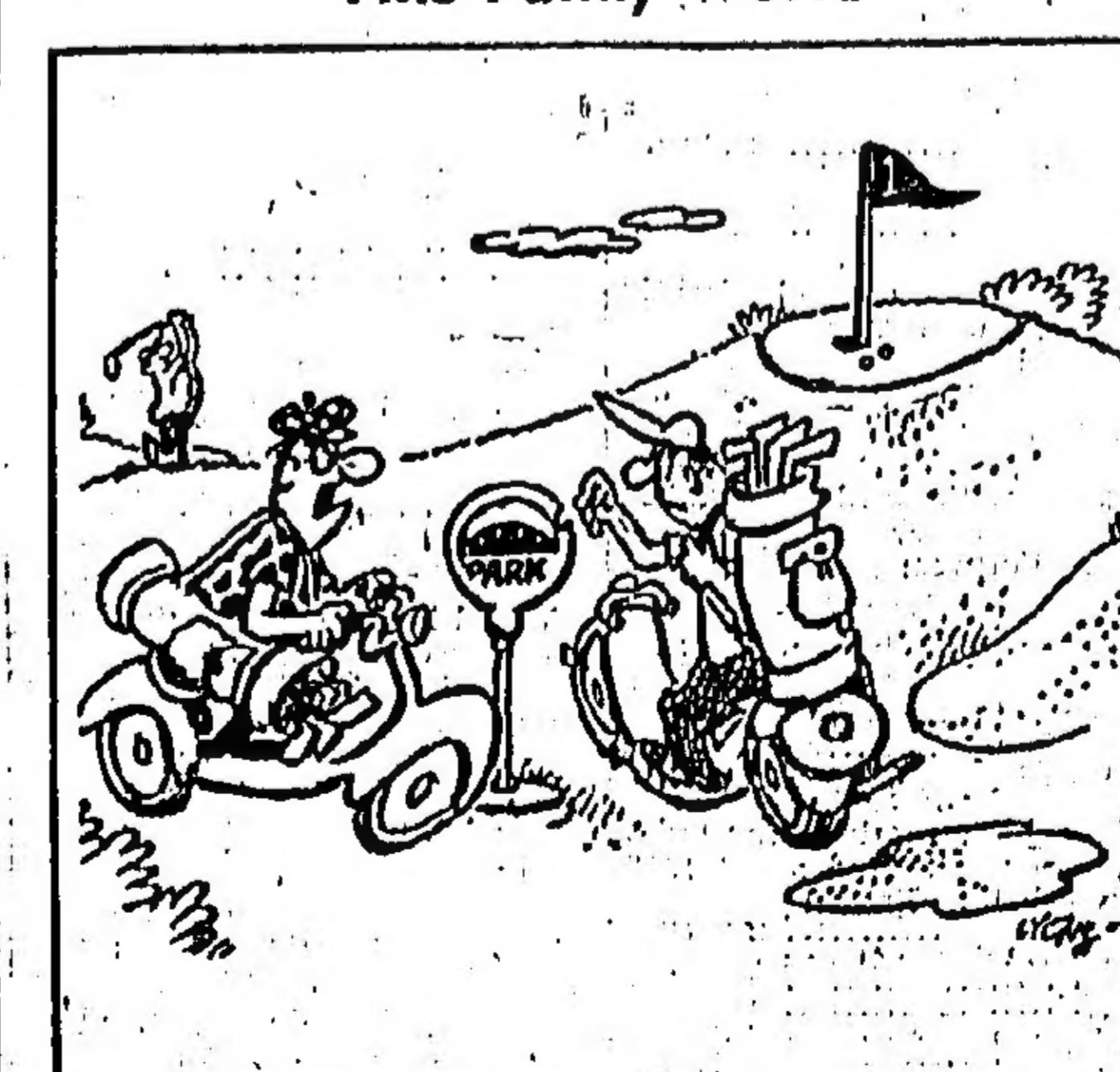
Inspector Crosby said the police had been working during the last seven months to track down this organisation.

He added that about 40 firms were using this radio for commercial purposes between Bangkok and Hongkong.

BLESSING

At 3.30 pm Cardinal Agagianian will lay the foundation stone of the new Stanley Church and School. When this is over, he will return to Hongkong and visit the Catholic Centre and Club in Union Building, following which he will perform the blessing of the new Catholic Centre Chapel.

This Funny World



"Talk about your cheap golf courses!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Card Query

Sir—Your column on "Christmas Card Etiquette" inaccurately clarifies a number of puzzles faced by many well-wishers year after year.

A good service, indeed, and a timely one.

To some, still, a slight knot has yet to be unravelled. Some cards are sent just with the senders' signatures at the bottom and nothing at the top, but some are written with the addresser's name and titles at the top. Does the present trend require the sender's signature only or would the appearance of the addressee's name at the top be too informal?

Unless the "How should you address your Card" paragraph does refer to the Christmas Card itself and not the envelope, some additional advice will, I am sure, be appreciated by many.

GEO. LEE.

[We are no Amy Vanderbilt, but why not print your name and address on the envelope and sign as you like inside the card? —Ed.]

From the Files

25 years ago

DIRECT radio communication will be inaugurated between China and England on January 1. Inauguration of the radio service will add to the ramifications of a service that is already almost world-wide. Chinese radio stations are at present in daily communication with almost every point of the globe, the only important country not having a direct service being Australia.

France is in national mourning as a result of the appalling railway disaster at Lagney on Saturday. The death toll now exceeds 200—the last official figure being 217—while of the 300 injured 100 are in a serious condition in Lagney and Paris hospitals.

A CABLE from Peking says that rumours are again current in Manchuria that Mr Henry Pu Yi will be declared emperor shortly at the head of the new regime.

It is said the intention is to restore the Ching dynasty and the date selected for the event is January 1. The rumours can not be confirmed in any reliable quarter but they are enjoying wide currency at present.

A soldier of the East Lancs burst into a flat at 8a Hankow Road late yesterday, alarming the amah who was the only person inside. She raised a cry for help to which a passer-by, Mr Elkins, immediately responded.

He entered the flat and tried to hold the man who, however, seized his finger and bent it back until it broke. A naval Petty Officer who had arrived on the scene took charge of the soldier.

WORKING quietly and systematically in the early hours of Sunday morning, a gang of thieves thought to be Chinese, battered holes through two brick walls and stole goods worth about \$16,000 from the Siberian Fur Store, 1,151 Bubbling Well Road, and the shop next door, says a cable from Shanghai. The manager of the fur shop puts his losses at \$10,000.

As a leader in the SCM Post said: "Relations between Hongkong and Canton remain good, a matter for mutual congratulations. The political and social understandings, however, are not all. More important, from the materialistic report of view at least, economic compromise—agreement to live and let live. That this understanding is incomplete is evident from the fact that there is still too great a tendency to regard the two ports as competitive rather than complementary; and at the risk of seeming to depart from the rules of dispassionate analysis it must be said that the aggressiveness is mostly in Canton."

PIRATES landed in Hongkong at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and carried off 100 children. But the pirates were not from Biau Bay nor were the children taken for ransom. It was the occasion of the annual children's party on board HMS Medway and the "pirates" were really naval officers who hit upon this novel idea for the entertainment of the kiddies.

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